

## From the Director of Victim Services



We are just a few days away from the 41st anniversary of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW), April 24–29, 2022. This week is a time to renew our commitment to serving all victims of crime, to acknowledge the achievements in victim services and allied professions, to honor those who have gone above and beyond in their service to others, and to remember crime victims and survivors. This year's theme—Rights, access, equity, for all victims—underscores the importance of helping crime survivors find their justice by—enforcing victims' rights, expanding access to services, and ensuring equity and inclusion for all.

The Tennessee Board of Parole (TBOP), Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC), and the Tennessee Rehabilitative Initiative in Correction (TRICOR) will have three (3) special ceremonies commencing Monday April 25th in Nashville, Wednesday April 27th in Chattanooga, and Friday April 29th in Memphis. We hope you will join us at a ceremony near you.

Stay Safe!

*Tamika Dobbins*

April 2022

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**Victim Services Mission**

*To support victims, their families, and the laws that protect their rights, while utilizing recognized principles of offender behavioral change to help reduce the risk of repeat criminal behavior.*

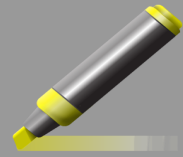
**Victim Services Provides:**

- Information regarding the status of offenders in prison with felony convictions
- Registration for victim notification
- Assistance with threats, unwanted calls/correspondence from an offender

**Victim Services Activities:**

- Community education programs
- Coordination with the Board of Parole, Attorney General's Office, and the Tennessee District Attorney General's Office to respond to victims' concerns
- Education to TDOC staff to increase awareness of victims' issues
- Collaboration with other victim advocates

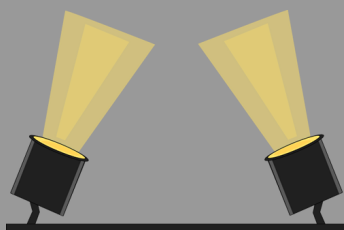
## Victim Services Highlights....Let's get to know



**Tiffany K. Johnson** is the newly appointed Administrative Services Assistant II for the Victim Services Division with the Tennessee Board of Parole. She has been employed with Board of Parole for 3 years and has held several positions including , Clerk III, and Sentence Docketing Tech with the Executive Clemency Unit. She attended Nashville State Community College and earned her Associates Degree in Social Work. She plans to attend Tennessee State University this fall to obtain her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work.

Tiffany is a Nashville Tennessee native. She was recently married and has 3 handsome sons. In her free time, she enjoys reading and spending time with her family.

Welcome to Victim Services Tiffany!



## April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every April, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC), one of the many leading organizations on NO MORE's steering committee, coordinates the national Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) campaign for the month of April to educate and engage the public in addressing this widespread issue.

This year's SAAM theme is Building Safe Online Spaces Together, because sexual harassment, assault, and abuse can happen anywhere, including online. As we connect online, we can learn how to practice digital consent, intervene when we see harmful content or behaviors, and ensure that online spaces — whether they be workspaces, classrooms, social media platforms, or otherwise — are respectful and safe.

Sexual harassment, assault, and abuse can happen anywhere, including in online spaces. For too long harassment, cyberbullying, and sexual abuse and exploitation have come to be expected as typical and unavoidable behaviors online. Building Safe Online Spaces Together is possible when we practice digital consent, intervene when we see harmful content and behaviors, and promote online communities that value respect, inclusion, and safety.

Help is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week Call 800.656.HOPE (4673) to be connected with a trained staff member from a sexual assault service provider in your area.



## Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every year, Child Abuse Awareness Month is observed in April to recognize the efforts made by our communities and families in bringing up this issue in front of the world. Did you know that every one out of seven children in the U.S has experienced physical and sexual abuse? During this month, as well as the whole year, citizens are encouraged to raise the issue of child abuse and the well-being of children and families around the country.

Evidence shows that children's early experiences impact them throughout life—positively and negatively. Kids raised in safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and environments are more likely to enjoy good physical and mental health and succeed academically and socially. Children who grow up happy and healthy also go on to contribute to economic prosperity for everyone. Child abuse and neglect prevention is possible.

Everyone has a role to play in helping the families in our communities be resilient and access support. By providing all families with equal opportunity and access to the supports they need, we can help improve the safety and well-being of children and youth across the country. Visit the National Child Abuse Prevention Month website for more information <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/>

## Victim Services Monthly Statistics

### Central Office Phone Calls

Telephone Calls	March
Phone calls Received/Returned	220
Parties Registered for Notifications (phone/mail/fax/email)	207
Harassment/Threats/No Contact	1
Referrals	54
Release/Parole Inquiry	78
Other	82

### Central Office Mailed Notifications

Notifications Mailed	March
Registrations/Voice	108
Movement	160
Advance Release	359
Final Release *	37
Death	16
Other	2



### Notification Statistics By Delivery Method Report 3-01-2022 to 3-31-2022

Agency	Month	Email	TTY	SMS	Phone	InApp	Letter	Total
TN Department of Correction	March 2022	8,180	3	18,846	3,501	397	n/a	30,927
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### New Registration Statistics By Registrant Classification 3-01-2022 to 3-31-2022

		Anonymous	Concerned citizen	Family member of offender	Family member of victim	Law enforcement	Not Reported	Other	Victim	Victim coordinator/advocate	Total
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# Announcements



The Tennessee Treasury Department will offer free training to advocates, covering the benefits and guidelines of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Program.

There is no charge for the workshop. Advocates who attend will learn the application process, the appeal process, and how to complete and appropriately document a claim application. Attendance certificates will be provided for those attending the majority of the workshop.

To receive invitations to upcoming trainings, please contact the Division of Claims and Risk Management at (615) 741-2734.

## Upcoming Training Opportunities for Victim Advocates

Please note that all dates and locations are tentative until the registration link opens and/or the date is specified below.

**WebEx - Interactive webinar**

**Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 2:00 PM (CT) WebEx - Interactive webinar**

To register, please visit [Criminal Injuries Compensation](#)

# Announcements



Join us as we celebrate  
National Crime Victims' Rights Week

April 2022

Next week is National Crime Victims' Rights Week! This is a time dedicated to celebrating the strength and resilience of victims of crime and thanking the thousands of service providers who have answered the call to serve. Further, we take this time each year to renew our commitment to assisting victims and to look at how we might further improve the ways in which we provide support.

Tennessee's DAs are planning to celebrate statewide! Check out the list below to find an event near you. And if you can't join in person, follow along at [#NCVRW2022](#)

Friday, April 22nd - Knox County [\(1\) 2022 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Kick-Off | Facebook](#)

Saturday, April 23rd - Montgomery County [\(2\) Facebook](#)

Sunday, April 24th - Davidson County [\(3\) Nashville Voices for Victims - Posts | Facebook](#)

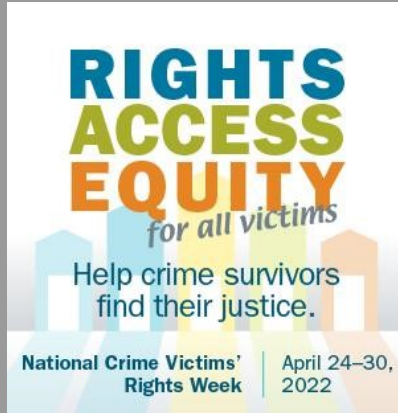
Sullivan County Sullivan County Justice Center, 2:00 PM (EST)

Tuesday, April 26th– Washington County Balloon Release, Founders Park 6:00p.m.

Friday, April 29th- Cocke County Courthouse, 11:00 AM (EST)

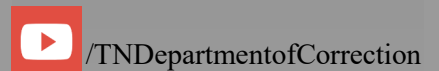
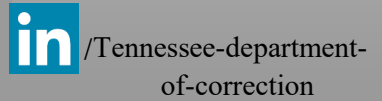
Saturday, April 29th - Anderson County [\(3\) Facebook](#)

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**Stay Connected  
With #TeamTDOC!**

**Follow Us:**



## 2nd Annual Walk for Victims



**April 25  
Union  
County**

9:00 a.m. EST  
Wilson Park

**April 26  
Claiborne  
County**

9:00 a.m. EST  
Harrogate City  
Park

**April 27  
Campbell  
County**

9:00 a.m. EST  
Sergeant's Park

**April 28  
Fentress  
County**

9:00 a.m. CST  
South Fentress  
Park

**April 29  
Scott  
County**

11:30 a.m. EST  
Huntsville City  
Park  
Lunch will be provided  
by Plateau Electric Coop

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### WHAT VICTIMS CAN DO IF THEY'RE A

Tennessee Domestic Violence Hotline - 800-356-6767

National Domestic Violence Hotline - 800.799.SAFE

Battered Women's Justice Project - 800.903.0111

Mothers Against Drunk Driving - 877.MADD.HELP

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children - 800.843.5678

Tennessee Human Trafficking Hotline—1-855-558-6484

National Human Trafficking Hotline - 888.373.7888

Sexual Assault Center 24 Hour Crisis & Support: 1-866-811-RISE (7473)